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**TUBERCULOSIS**  
By Mason Devereaux  
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Tuberculosis is a disease which sometimes called the white plague because of its prevalence and violence. This disease causes about one-seventh of the deaths in the human family. It occurs in several forms, but the one in which the lungs are affected is the most common. No age, race, or sex is immune from tuberculosis attacks.

In the United States there is more than \$22,000,000 spent alone in the campaign each year for the prevention of this terrible disease. In average ages there are nearly a hundred thousand victims; four-fifths die of lung, or pulmonary tuberculosis. In years these figures have decreased as compared to those in previous years.

One of the most important sources of infection is the sputum of tuberculosis victims. It is usually carried about in the air by dust, and taken into the nose and air tubes, and from there into the lungs by the act of breathing. Milk and meat of tubercular cattle are other agents, in spreading the disease. Certain habits and living conditions which lower the vitality and make the body less resistant to disease may cause predisposition to tuberculosis. Impure air, lack of nourishing food, over-crowded living and sleeping rooms, excessive indulgence in liquor, and other forms of dissipation, overwork and worry are other weakening habits which cause tuberculosis.

In 1882 Dr. Robert Koch proved that tuberculosis was caused by a single microscopic organism, which he named the tubercle bacillus. Koch proved also that the disease could be spread only by the transmission of this germ from person to person. With the enemy at last in the open so that science knew what it was fighting there remained only the discovery of a medicine or serum to cure it. Some of the greatest minds in the world have applied themselves to this problem in the laboratory. So far the effort has not been successful. Meanwhile other methods of curing the disease have been sought and in the

## Skilled Workers Find That WPA Promises Empty

New York, Dec. 21.—Promise of WPA Administrator Victor F. Ridder to end discrimination against Negroes on work relief is still just a whiff of hot air, judging from practices carried on by the WPA re-Rating Board at 16th Street and Eighth Avenue.

Skilled workers, waiting for board examination said that discrimination is still rife. They complained that they were given slips to fill out at home instead of being examined on the spot.

One mechanic who applied for reclassification said, "All the jobs will be gone before we get the slips filled out at home and then mailed back."

Others charged the Emergency Relief Bureau with aiding in discrimination. Skilled workers, they stated, are classified as laborers by the ERB, and the WPA, follows the recommendations of the ERB and places them on laborers' jobs.

name of Dr. Edward Livingston Trudeau stands at the top. His method of treating tuberculosis with quiet, rest in bed, good food, fresh air and the supervision of an experienced physician has proved the only successful method of cure. It is the method today and many lives have been saved by it.

Tuberculosis is still the leading cause of death between the ages of 15 and 45. The important facts about the disease so far as you and I are concerned, are that no specific cure is known for it, and that once it attacks a person the treatment takes a long time and therefore costs a large amount of money. Your best protection against it and mine is to avoid getting it.

The Nebraska Tuberculosis Association is now conducting its annual Christmas Seal Campaign. The funds realized from the sale will be used to prevent further spread of the disease in our community.

Remember that every case of tuberculosis comes from another. No home will be safe from it until all homes are safe. As you know the Nebraska Tuberculosis Association informs the public of the facts about it and discovers active cases while they are still in the early and curable stages so that effective treatment may begin promptly. Christmas Seals cost only one penny each, but the power of the penny is accumulated between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. Through these pennies the Association carries on its work for the entire year.

If you do not remember anything else I have said on this program I ask you to remember at least this sentence: "Buy Christmas Seals and help Fight Tuberculosis in Omaha."

## French Writers Call For Defense Of Ethiopia

Paris, France, Dec. 21.—Unanimous opposition to fascist Italy's attack on Ethiopia was declared at the first session of the Union Writers for the Defense of Culture, held in Paris under the presidency of Andre Gide.

The Union, whose members include the best known writers in France, originated in a five-day Congress last June. Langston Hughes, famous American author and president of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, was then elected as a delegate from America.

At the first session, the world-famous Negro writer, Rene Maran, whose novel "Batouala" was awarded a literary prize, spoke of the "importance" of colonial possessions to French big businesses. Colonization, he said, has been pushed ahead with immense exploitation.

Equality has not been granted to colonials Maran declared, but instead, France was falling into jingo nationalism. While not excluding her colored sub-chairman of the financial committee.

A local sponsoring committee has already been set up in Baltimore, including such prominent citizens as Dr. E. Rice and William N. Jones, staff member of the Baltimore Afro-American. It is reported that a similar sponsoring committee will be set up in New York City early in December.

An automatic device has been invented by a French chemist to warn of the approach of poisonous gas and to detect its type.

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## Virgin Island Women Win Right To Vote

St. Thomas, V. I., Dec. 28. (ANP)—For the first time in the history of the Virgin Islands, women will be entitled to vote when election day comes around again, in September, 1936, according to a ruling just handed down by Judge Albert Levitt, white, the new Judge of the District court.

Perhaps the only land under the American flag with the ballot still restricted to men, the island's situation was due to the stipulation of the old Danish Colonial law which still is supreme here, sometimes sharing, sometimes negating, the American Constitution.

Judge Levitt, when faced with the question, in the Francis Libel Case, ruled that the Danish law as enforced was contrary to the 19th amendment of the U. S. Constitution. Without declaring the whole code unconstitutional, however, he interpreted the word "man," to mean females also, thus making the letter of the Danish law to agree in spirit with the Constitution.

As the law still stands, no very large number of Virgin Islands women will win the right to vote, since every voter here must show that he earns at least \$300 annually. Many people here do not handle that much actual cash during the course of a year. However, in a comparative way, the new ruling is bound to bring about tremendous changes.

The decision comes after several years of agitation among a militant minority of women here to be given equality with male voters. It will also mean that women will now be eligible for public office which they have not held before. The male electoral board is in a quandry and has not yet adjusted itself to what Judge Levitt's decree means.

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